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DOCKET NO.:

W-02074A-07-0616

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Enclosed please find the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Yvette B. Kinsey. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Order on:

BEARDSLEY WATER COMPANY (CC&N EXTENSION)

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-110(B), you may file exceptions to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge by filing an original and thirteen (13) copies of the exceptions with the Commission's Docket Control at the address listed below by 4:00 p.m. on or before:

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The enclosed is NOT an order of the Commission, but a recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to the Commissioners. Consideration of this matter has tentatively been scheduled for the Commission's Open Meeting to be held on:

MARCH 2, 2015 and MARCH 3, 2015

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1	BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION			
2	COMMISSIONERS			
3 4 5	SUSAN BITTER SMITH - Chairman BOB STUMP BOB BURNS DOUG LITTLE TOM FORESE			
6 7 8 9	IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF BEARDSLEY WATER COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY. DOCKET NO. W-02074A-07-0616 DECISION NO ORDER Open Meeting			
11	March 2 and 3, 2015 Phoenix, Arizona			
12	BY THE COMMISSION:			
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14	Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the			
15	Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:			
16	FINDINGS OF FACT			
17	1. On October 24, 2007, Beardsley Water Company ("Beardsley" or the "Company")			
18	filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an extension of			
19	its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate" or "CC&N") to provide domestic water			
20	service to the Peak View Ranch Developments Units 4 and 5 in Maricopa County, Arizona. ¹			
21	2. On April 28, 2008, the City of Surprise ("City") was granted intervention in this			
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23	provider.			
24	3. On August 6, 2008, the Commission issued Decision No. 70463, approving			
25	Beardsley's application for an extension of its CC&N to provide water service to Asante Wes			
26	Estates.			
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28	¹ Subsequent to the filing of the application in this docket, the name of the development was changed to Asante West Estates.			

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² Decision No. 70463 (August 6, 2008) at 9.

- 4. Decision No. 70463, required Beardsley, among other things, within two years of the effective date of the Decision, to provide the following:
 - a. A copy of the Approval to Construct ("ATC") issued by the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, for water plant facilities needed to serve the extension area; and
 - b. A copy of the developer's Certificate of Assured Water Supply ("CAWS") for the extension area.
- 5. Decision No. 70463 also ordered that if Beardsley failed to meet the compliance deadlines outlined above, the CC&N extension granted in the Decision shall be considered null and void after due process.²
- 6. On September 13, 2011, Beardsley docketed a letter stating that the Company required the developer to obtain both the CAWS and ATC. Further, the letter stated that the development known as Asante West had never been developed nor was any portion of construction attempted. Beardsley's letter informed the Commission that the Company had spoken with the developer for Asante West who stated the CAWS and ATC were never obtained and that the project was not going to proceed. Beardsley requested that extension area granted in Decision No. 70463 be deleted from its CC&N.
- 7. On September 26, 2014, Beardsley docketed a Notice of Non-Opposition, stating that the Company was providing notice that 1) it considers the due process requirements in the Arizona Constitution and as set forth in <u>James P. Paul Water Co. v. Arizona Corp. Comm'n</u>, 137 Ariz. 426, 671 P.2d 404 (1983), to have been met in this instance; and 2) that the Company does not oppose the Commission considering Decision No. 70463 to be null and void pursuant to its terms.
- 8. On January 20, 2015, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") docketed a Memorandum, stating that Staff had contacted Steven Hirsch, counsel for Beardsley, and that Mr. Hirsch confirmed that the Company wanted this matter closed and the area deleted from the CC&N. Staff has concluded that the extension of Beardsley's CC&N (approved in Decision No. 70463), is not currently necessary and Staff concluded that the Company does not wish to retain the portion of the CC&N granted in the Decision. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission delete the

previously granted CC&N extension area and that any remaining compliance items outlined in Decision No. 70463 be vacated.

- 9. Beardsley considers all due process requirements to have been met. No objections have been filed regarding the Company's request to delete the portions of its CC&N granted in Decision No. 70463, and no requests for a hearing have been made. Further, there is no current need and necessity for water service in the extension area. Therefore, we find that it is in the public interest to grant Beardsley's request to delete the portions of its CC&N granted in Decision No. 70463 and that this docket be closed.
 - 10. Staff's recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Beardsley is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281, 40-282 and 40-285.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Beardsley and the subject matter of this application.
- 3. There is no current need and necessity for water service in the portions of the CC&N areas granted to Beardsley in Decision No. 70463.
- 4. No objections have been filed regarding the Company's request to delete the portions of its CC&N granted in Decision No. 70463, and no requests for a hearing have been made.
- 5. It is in the public interest to grant Beardsley Water Company's request to delete the portions of its CC&N granted in Decision No. 70463.
 - 6. Staff's recommendations, as described herein, are reasonable and should be adopted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Beardsley Water Company's request to delete the portions of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity approved in Decision No. 70463 (August 6, 2008) is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any remaining compliance items outlined in Decision No. 70463 (August 6, 2008) are hereby vacated.

1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket Control shall close this docket.			
2	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.			
3	BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.			
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